

Attachment 11F(1)

Explanatory Note for Bureau of Reclamation February 1, 2010

Attached is the NEPA report for Bureau of Reclamation's (BR) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Projects covering project status through December 31, 2009. As of December 31, 2009, BR reported \$523,461,571 obligated. This is an increase in almost \$200,000,000 since the last report. In addition there is a decrease in pending NEPA actions from 43 percent in the September 30, 2009, report to 32 percent pending in this report. Below are explanations and clarification on information contained in the report.

The NEPA compliance process assured that no significant environmental effects will occur as a result of the ARRA projects. This assisted decisionmaking in supporting the federal policy expressed by NEPA.

Pending CEs

There are 63 projects pending on this report. This is a decrease from 83 pending actions reported in the last report. The following lists the pending actions and the reasons these actions are pending.

Leavenworth Water Delivery System project 11.000 (row 19) has three sub-projects with associated NEPA actions that are all still pending.

1. **Effluent Pond project 11.2** (row 19): CE
2. **Intake Facilities project 11.1** (row 87): EA
3. **Adult Holding Pond project 11.3** (row 200): CE

The CEs for the Effluent Pond and Adult Holding Pond will be completed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) when final designs are completed. It is anticipated this will be the last report the CEs will be listed as pending.

CEs are not completed because the final project designs are not yet available.

- **Retrofit project 49.000** (row 23), **Retrofit project 42.000** (row 26) and **Challenge Grant 27.102** (row 153)

CEs are not completed because the projects have been submitted for withdrawal (these are pending final approval so not shown as withdrawn for this reporting period).

- **Retrofit project 43.000** (row 24) and **Retrofit project 45.000** (row 29)

CE is not complete because the project description was received on 12/18/09 so NEPA has just been initiated.

- **Retrofit project 41.000** (row 29)

Seven Power plant projects are awaiting final design before the CEs can be completed.

- **Powerplant Life Safety project 38.000** (row 47);
- **Powerplant Life Safety project 35.000** (row 48);
- **Powerplant Life Safety project 36.000** (row 49);

- **Powerplant Life Safety project 37.000** (row 50);
- **Powerplant Life Safety project 34.000** (row 51);
- **Powerplant Life Safety project 40.000** (row 53); and
- **Powerplant Units 1&2 rewind project 104.506** (row 78)

The following CEs are still pending because the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) consultations are not complete.

- **Upgrade Water Del-New Melones project 85.000** (row 80)
- **Challenge Grant 27.1100** (row 162)

Fencing of Endangered Species Sanctuary project 101.000 (row 113) CE is still pending because there are outstanding ESA issues that have not been resolved.

CEs are not completed because the California Environmental Policy Act process has not been completed which may result in changes to the project description.

- **Title XVI projects 1.123** (row 148) and **1.126** (row 151)

Pending EAs

The following EAs are for projects to provide emergency drought relief to Native American lands – all are pending because of information needed from the tribe.

- **Emergency Drought Relief Projects 28.101, 28.102, 28.103, 28.105, 28.108, 28.110, 28.114, 28.119, 28.120, 28.122, 28.127** (rows 171 -173, 175-176, 178, 180, 183-184, 186, 189)

The following EAs are pending because National Historic Preservation Act analysis is on-going.

- **Emergency Drought Relief Project 28.121** (row 185)

The following EA is awaiting final SHPO letter and final public review.

- **Emergency Drought Relief Project 28.125** (row 188)

The following EA is awaiting final SHPO letter

- **Title XVI, Yucaipa Valley Water District, #1.115** (row 140)

The following EAs NEPA are on hold due to outstanding federal debts

- **Title XVI, Tuscany Recycled Water System, #1.122** (row 147) and **Title XVI, Wildomar Recycled Water System, #1.127** (row 152)

The following EAs are for projects where the project description and/or data from partner is not final – awaiting on a final project description/data to complete the NEPA

- **Infrastructure Reliability & Safety, Leavenworth Intake Facilities, #11.1** (row 87)
- **Title XVI, San Jose Water Reclamation and Reuse Project, #1.117** (row 142)
- **Title XVI, South Santa Clara County Recycled Water Master Plan Implementation, #1.119** (row 144)

The following project is submitted for withdrawal

- **Title XVI project - Lake Cachuma Water and Sewage Treatment Plants, #87.000** (row 81)

Several EAs are in the final stages of preparation (i.e., all data has been received and the final document is being prepared)

- **Title XVI project - Pacifica Recycled Water Project, #1.108** (row 133)
- **Challenge Grant, Antelope Valley Water Bank, # 27.103** (row 156)

Several EAs are awaiting final consultant selection for preparation

- **Emergency Drought Relief, New Well Installation, Region 4, #28.129** (row 193)
- **Emergency Drought Relief, New Well Installation, Region 1, #28.131, 28.104, 28.107, 28.112** (row 195)
- **Emergency Drought Relief, New Well Installation, Region 3, #28.111, #28.126, 28.115, 28.116** (row 197)
- **Emergency Drought Relief, New Well Installation, Region 2, #28.118, 28.124, 28.117** (row 198)

This EA is awaiting final ESA and SHPO letters.

- **Title XVI project - South Bay Advanced Recycled Water Treatment Facility, #1.118** (row 143)

This EA is awaiting Clean Water Act section 404 completion.

- **Environment/Ecosystem Restoration, Native Fish Habitat, #23.107** (row 104)

A number of EAs are in public review:

- **Challenge Grant, Turnipseed Groundwater Bank, #27.102** (row 154)
- **Challenge Grant, Tule River Interite Project, #27.103** (row 155)
- **Challenge Grant, Calloway Canal to Lerdo Canal Intertie, #27.106** (row 158)
- **Challenge Grant, Pond-Poso Spreading and Recovry Facility, #27.109** (row 161)
- **Emergency Drought Relief, Volta Wildlife Refuge, #28.129** (row 190)
- **Emergency Drought Relief, Wiyot Tribe, #28.133** (row 194)

Several EAs are being re-evaluated for appropriate level of NEPA compliance (i.e., they may be split into several EAs or several CEs)

- **Infrastructure Reliability & Safety, Lake Berryessa, #72.000** (row 82)
- **Meet Future water Needs, Title XVI, San Jose, #1.117** (row 142)

This EA NEPA compliance changed to a CE and completed 1/25/10

- **Title XVI, SouthsideMunicipal Reclamation Project, #1.121** (row 146)

Projects where the NEPA consultant is being selected

- **New Well Installation, #28.131, 28.104, 28.107, 28.112** (row 195)
- **New Well Installation, #28.111, 28.126, 28.115, 28.116** (row 197)
- **New Well Installation, #28.118, 28.124, 28.117** (row 198)

Submitted for withdrawal

- **Infrastructure Reliability & Safety, American with Disabilities Act, Delta Division,** (row 29)
- **Infrastructure Reliability & Safety, Lake Cachuma, #87.000,** (row 81)

Completed EA actions since 12/31/09 report

- **Challenge Grant, Davis and Weber Canal, #27.113** (row 165)
- **Colorado River Salinity Projects, Peoples Canal, #25.104** (row 169)
- **Challenge Grant Sacramento Regional Water Meters, #27.108** (row 160)

Withdrawn Projects

There are currently 10 projects that have been withdrawn. Three of these are new projects that have been withdrawn in this reporting cycle.

- **Retrofit project in Ventura California project 44.000** (row 28) was withdrawn due to loss of critical personnel and increased workload resulting from their own ARRA projects, Forest Service will not be able to utilize ARRA funding for ADA projects in the Casitas Open Space within a reasonable timeframe.
- **Construction of the Blue River Fish Barrier project 96.000** (row 110) has been withdrawn from ARRA funding because project construction could not meet the ARRA schedule. It will funded by other means in the future.
- **Pittsburg Recycled Water Project 1.110** (row 135) sponsor requested cancellation of project funding due to changes in construction schedules so project has been withdrawn.

Additional Changes

Rows 33, 34, 35 were combined under one CE (row 199). The information for quantity and NEPA status has been deleted to maintain the historic numbering but assure an accurate count of NEPA actions.

Emergency Drought Relief project 28.000 (row 122) has been split out into 28 separate NEPA actions (**projects 28.101-28.133**) which are recorded in rows (171 – 198). The information for quantity and NEPA status has been deleted to maintain the historic numbering but assure an accurate count of NEPA actions.

Challenge Grants project 27.000 (row 123) has been split out into 13 separate NEPA actions (**projects 27.101 – 27.113**) which are recorded in rows 153-165. The information for quantity and NEPA status has been deleted to maintain the historic numbering but assure an accurate count of NEPA actions.

Mercy Spring Water District project 28.116 (row 181) has been combined with two other projects under one EA addressing several related actions (see row 197, **new well installation, Region 3**). The information for quantity and NEPA status has been deleted to maintain the historic numbering but assure an accurate count of NEPA actions.

Explanation

Rosemead Extension Project 1.116 (row 141) - The CE was completed based on a conversation with the SHPO office that a “no effect” letter has been drafted and will be submitted shortly.

Spreadsheet row 91//Line 70 (project 12.000) – The Federal Highway Administration (FHA) will be handing all the environmental compliance. An Inter-agency Agreement (IA # R10PG30R04) was signed on November 30, 2009 and the funds will be used by FHWA to complete the environmental documentation. This project is proposed for withdrawal by Reclamation

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